Statement

Details of Locations

Locations having Extension Point/served by existing Distributor			Locations already getting Supplies and included in the Marketing Plan for opening of independent LPG Distributorships		
S.No.	Location	District	S.No.	Location	District
1.	Sangarh	Simmour	1.	Droh	Kangra
2.	Nagari	Kangra	2.	Bharanj	Hamirpur
3.	Chintapurni	Una	3.	Banjar	Kulu
4.	Tissa	Chamba	4.	Bhuntar	Kulu
5.	Chowri	Chamba	5.	Lahroo (Jaisinghpur)	Kangra
6.	Baddi	Solan	6.	Nagrota Surian	Kangra
7.	Ghaghas	Bilaspur	7.	Dadasiva	Kangra
8.	Darlaghat	Solan	8.	Jawali	Kangra
9.	Kasumptee	Shimla	9.	Mandi(II)	Mandi
10.	Ani	Kulu	10.	Nerchowk	Mandi
11.	Nankhari	Shimla	11.	Bangana	Una
12.	Gagret	Una	12.	Nadaun	Hamirpur
13.	Shillai	Sirmour	13.	Gohar	Mandi
14.	Sri Naina Devi	Bilaspur	14.	Kotkhai	Shimla
15.	Salooni	Chamba	15.	Daulatpur Chowk	Una
16.	Jawalaji	Kangra			
17.	Sandhol	Mandi			
18.	Chirgaon	Shimla			
19.	Jubbal	Shimla			
20.	Newa	Shimla			
21.	Sarhan	Shimla			

Threat to the Villagers of Jaduguda from Untreated Effluents

*125. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a number of villagers of jadugoda, which has some of the finest resources of uranium ore, have been killed or crippled by untreated effluent and pollution from the mining facilities;

(b) whether steps have been taken to hold the officials of UCIL responsible for this negligence; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to see that radiation related diseases like cancer, do not affect the poor villagers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE): (a) No villager of Jaduguda or around has been affected by effluent or pollution from the Uranium mining or other activities of the Uranium Corporation of India Ltd. (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy, which operates Uranium mining and milling facilities in the area.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Quality of the effluents resulting from the operation of UCIL as well as the levels of radioactivity/radiation in the flora and fauna in and around the area are regularly monitored by the Health Physics Unit of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, a constituent unit of the Department of Atomic Energy. All the data indicate that the effluent quality and measured values are within the safety parameters prescribed for this prupose.

Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

*126. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:
SHRI ONKAR SINGH LAKHAWAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the Crop Insurance Scheme presently in operation in the country;

(b) the number of persons covered under the scheme during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(c) whether Government have, in recent past, reviewed the scheme; if so, the details thereof including amendments/ suggestions so required;

(d) whether the farmers organisations/ representatives have been included in the finalisation of Crop Insurance Scheme;

(e) the main crops that will be covered in the scheme; and

(f) by when it is likely to cover the whole country;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Salient features of the existing Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme CCIS which has been in operation in the country since Kharif, 1985 are given in the Statement I. (*See* below)

(b) A statement indicating State-wise details of farmers covered under the CCIS during the last three years is at Statement-II(*See* below)

(c) to (f) A review was made and the suggestions from different quarters i.e. States, Members of Parliament, farmers organisations such as Farmers' Parliamentary Forum and Federation of Andhra Pradesh Farmers' Association were received. The main suggestions/demands for improving the scope and contents of the scheme were:

—to bring in more crops into the purview of CCIS;
—for extending its scope to cover non-loanee farmers;
—for lowering the unit area;
—for compensating crop losses rather than insuring the loans taken;
—for a provision for group-insurance;
—to include damage caused by diseases/pests; and
—to make the scheme financially viable.

The extend the coverage in terms of farmers, crops and risks under the existing CCIS the Government has decided to introduce a Modified Comprehensive Crop Insurance. Scheme MCCIS from Kharif, 1999 season. Under the new scheme it is proposed to cover all farmers, both loanees and non-loanees and some cash/horticultural crops in addition to the crops already covered, subject to the availability of yield data.

Statement-I

The salient features of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) are:—

— It is an area based and credit linked scheme which is voluntary in nature.

— All farmers growing wheat, paddy, millets (including maize), oilseeds and pulses by availing agricultural loan from the cooperative credit institutions, regional rural banks and commercial banks are eligible for crop coverage under the scheme.